(b) No. Sir.

(c) An orphan child who is legally free for adoption can be given in adoption to a Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh or Jain under the Hindu Adoption and maintenance Act, 1956, whereas, a person belonging to other communities can take a child in adoption under section 41 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

(d) Minority communities are governed by the Guardians and Wards Act (GAWA), 1890 for the purpose of guardianship only. However, they can adopt under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000.

(e) At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the government for framing a uniform law on adoption.

Implementation of protection of Civil Rights Act and SC/ST Act

2062. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre have instructed all the State Governments to implement protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989;

(b) whether in addition Centre have also instructed identification of atrocities prone areas and prepared an action plan for taking necessary preventive steps to protect life and property of the members belonging to SCs/STs communities;

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard; and

(d) by when implementation of the Civil Rights Act is likely to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since Governments/Union Territory Administrations are the implementing authority of the said Acts, suitable advisories are issued to them from time to time for effective implementation of both the Acts. Assistance is also provided to them for strengthening of the administrative, enforcement and judicial machinery, awareness generation as also for relief and rehabilitation to the affected persons, etc.

(d) The Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 is being implemented since 1st June, 1955.

District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in Punjab

2063. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of demand and supply of supporting equipment for handicapped in respect of District disability Rehabilitation Centres (DDRCs) in Punjab during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the measures taken to ensure supply for the equipments as per the demands; and

(c) the details of the camps organized to provide supporting equipment to handicapped in the State during the last three years, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) DDRCs of Punjab have been provided aids and appliances as per requirement by 4 DDRCs of Amritsar, Firozpur, Patiala and Sangrur.

(c) During last three years, 102 camps have been organized for distribution of aids and appliances in the Districts of Gurudaspur, Faridkot, Firozpur, Jalandhar, Patiala, Ropar and Sangrur.

SCs/STs List

2064. PROF. P.J. KURIAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the dalit communities included in the SC/ST list for the benefit of reservation;

(b) the details of those who are not in the above list;

(c) whether there is demand for inclusion of the remaining communities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) 1206 and 706 number of communities respectively have been specified as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various Constitutional Orders as amended from time to time.

(b) to (d) The receipts of requests for inclusion of communities in the